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BSNL MOBILE CONNECTION IN CHHATTISGARH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile connections of BSNL in Chhattisgarh as on December 31, 2004;

(b) whether the service has been started in all district and Tehsil headquarters in Chhattisgarh;

(c) if not, the number thereof;

(d) the schemes formulated for extension of the mobile service in Chhattisgarh;

(e) whether BSNL mobile connections is available on demand in Chhattisgarh; and

(f) if not, the time by which the BSNL mobile connection is likely to be made available on demand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The number of mobile conections of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) as on 31.12.2004 were 32815 lines.

(b)&(c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has so far provided cellular service covering all the 16 District Headquarters and 81 Tehsil Headquarters (out of 97) are yet to be provided cellular coverage in Chhattisgarh.

(d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has recently expanded the capacity of the network in Chhattisgarh by additional 50,000 lines which is being progressively loaded and plans to expand the network further by additional 1,50,000 lines during the year 2005-06.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The mobile connections are expected to be available on demand within six months.